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COMMUNITY: Family of two-year-old Welland boy needs your help

Caring for 'The Champ'

Pelham News Staff

Dylan Van Driel smiled for the first time a few months ago. It was a small step, but it was enough to give the two-year-

old boy's family a reason to celebrate "It was exciting for us. He used to just be silent with no facial expressions," said Dylan's mother, Sonva. "We're pretty

happy that he can smile and make happy noises." The smiles and contented cooing sounds are comforting

for the Welland boy's family his parents Sonva and Scott. and his big sister Marika, 4, "We know he can feel our

love and respond back to us," Sonva said. Dylan was diagnosed with vein of Galen malformation at three months old, a very rare and often deadly disorder that occurs within the circulatory

system of the brain. "It causes severe brain dam-

age," Sonva said. Dylan's father calls him "The Champ," a title he has earned by overcoming huge challenges.

Most babies born with vein of Galen die at birth, and Dylan's physicians warned his parents that he likely wouldn't see his first birthday. But Dylan is still going strong, turning three years old in July. Dylan is undergoing treat-

ment for his condition called embolization, a procedure that reduce the flow of blood through the malformed vein. Sonya said physicians have corrected 90% of the malformation, but they're not sure if it will ever be cured completely. And the damage that has already occurred has left

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Dylan Van Driel gets a kiss on the cheek from his sister Marika. His family in organizing fundraising events in the months ahead to help cover the expense of caring for the severely disabled two-year-old.



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Series of fundraising events in Pelham

Sonva said the prognosis for Dylan "is not great." Doctors, she added, don't

believe he will ever be able to walk or talk. He also relies on a feeding tube for nourishment, unable to consume food orally.

Caring for a child with the Dylan's needs has been very difficult for the family. Sonya said the family's

faith has helped them cope with the challenges. "Without God and the support of our Christian community of faith, we wouldn't be in very good shape after everything we've

been through," she said. Although Scott continues to earn a paycheck working with a directional boring company, Sonya quit her job as a bank teller to dedicate her time to caring for

Dylan. They were initially denied an application for Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities funding herause Scott's income was

slightly above the limit. Everyone was so shocked. she said. "I applied again and was denied again

She then appealed the provincial government's decision to deny the funding, and attended a social benefits tribunal.

'I stated my case and said, 'Can we look past the financial circumstance and look at our family's situa-

tion here?" It took a full year, but Sonya won the appeal. The family is now receiving a



ALLAN BENNER/OMI AGENCY NIAGARA The Van Driel family, from left, Marika, Sonya, Scott and Dylan, are organizing fundralsing events in the months ahead to help

as benefits including dental care and a drug plan. But it really isn't enough

to cover the costs of caring for Dylan "There comes a time

when you have to decide if monthly allowance, as well

the family cope with the costs of caring for Dylan, who was diagnosed with vein Galen malformation. this and do the best you can and try to have a normal life," or reach out to the community

"Sometimes it's a pride thing. It's not easy to say ves to people, you want to you want to stay quiet about try and do it on your own,"

she said. "But why do it on your own and struggle when there are people out there who want to help?" As people throughout the community have begun to

she said parishioners from Bethany Christian Reformed Church recently returned from a trip to Honduras learn about the challenges with a few hundred botthe family is coping with. tles of pure vanilla extract.

they've already seen a lot

of generosity. For instance,

They sold those bottles and donated the proceeds to the Van Driel family

But the family is facing significant expenses in the months ahead, including a wheelchair accessible van and modifications to their Morwood Ave, home - costs they cannot afford

without help. Working with a team of family and friends, the Van Driels have organized a series of fundraising events, including a craft, plant and bake sale at Bethany church, 1040 Balfour Rd., Fenwick, on May 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; as well as a golf tournament at Sparrow Lakes on June 7, a pork roast on Aug. 9, and a Fun-Run in Fonthill on Sept. 20

In addition, Sonya has written a cook book including 119 recipes contributed by herself and other talented cooks. She said that book should be ready in time for the craft show.

The family is also setting up a website to help promote upcoming fundraising efforts. Sonva said it should be up and running by the end of this week at www wheelsforvandriels.com.

It's a lot of work for the family, but people are "really responding," Sonya

"It's kind of exciting, but I'm kind of overwhelmed too. It's still a little surreal." The family can be contacted by sending e-mail to

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Pelham sells Hwy. **20 land for \$2.9**

Palham Nows Staff

A huge chunk of property at Hwy. 20 and Rice Rd. has been sold by the Town of Pelham for \$2.9 million, on the condition it produces a medical complex and retirement community within five years. The agreement approved

by town councillors this week, and which follows about one and a half years of closed discussions, applies to 7.7 acres

The agreement with Fonthill Gardens, a company owned by Toronto developer David Allen, will allow the development to move forward with the construction of the Fonthill Health Centre by Dr. David Boushy plus a retirement home operated by Baybridge Seniors Housing

The deal gives Fonthill Gardens a year to start construction after receiving planning approvals. Work is expected to begin in 2015.

The sale price of the property is \$375,000 per acre, plus the cost of services, which includes any roads or sidewalks," said Mayor Dave

fee shop or pharmacy would The agreement protects be a good fit in that area," he the town from the use of the land for anything other than

a medical centre and retireeast Fonthill draft master plan that came before council in ment home as well as from overpayments from the town late February. or the developer." "We've been in talks with

Augustyn said town staff David Allen for a year and and councillors have worked a half now, this is the next diligently to insure the east step so he can move forward with his development," said Fonthill development will be a good one for the town. The town is only selling the land Council wants to ensure on the conditions that the property be used for the good

of the community.

"The town has approval

as we see fit. So maybe a cof-

This was the next step in the

that this development is a link to the existing downtown that allows us to keep our smalltown feel." over any other uses of the land If plans fall through, the

land will revert back to the town in five years.

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COMMENT

What type of growth for Pelham?

MAYOR DAVE AUGUSTYN

As I have written about before, Pelham has a few lands available for new growth — the largest being the east Fonthill area.

While much of the nearly 180 hectares of east Fonthill lands have been farmed for years, the entire area was added to the urban boundary by an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in 2000.

Recent questions in local media about whether property owners should be allowed to develop on those lands would have been asked and answered during the OMB's weeks of hearings nearly 15 years ago.

When the OMB gave those approvals back then, one thing became inevitable — growth would occur in Pelham.

What wasn't inevitable was the type

of development — how it looked, how it felt, how many people living and working in the areas.

The OMB's east Fonthill decision, for example, required the town to undertake a more detailed planning process — a secondary plan — before allowing development to proceed.

The town started to carefully develop the plan in 2001; this included significant public sessions and hearings. The community warned east Fonthill to include "... a full range and mix of housing types, a linked open space network that includes a variety of types of public parks... protection of existing environmental features, and the community structure... [to] maximize connectivity within the community itself and to the town centre."

More recent additions to the plan

include "walkability and cyclability," the potential for community facilities, and the protection of the recently revitalized Fonthill downtown.

revitatized rontum downtown. After working diligently for many years, town council approved such a plan in April 2012. After Niagara Region approved it in October 2012; it was appealed to the OMB. Those small Issues were settled in October 2013 and the OMB approved the plan on Jan. 30, 2014, making the plan a reality.

What's next? Other public planning approvals — a draft site master plan, zoning, site plans, neighbourhood plans — are required before finalizing development and shovels hit the ground.

And council wants your help on these next phases of deciding the type of development.

As I wrote about last month, with the help of nationally-recognized urban designers and planners, council developed a fart site master plan for the commercial/mixed use area of east Fountill (Me northern part along Regional Rd. 20). We are seeking your feedback on that draft plan. Did we get it right? Have we reflected the wishes on the community on the type of development? What can we do to make it was not read to the wishes on the community on the type of development? What can we do to make it was not read to the weak of the work of the work of the weak of the work of the weak of the work of the weak of the w

Please help council improve these plans and ultimately the type of development that will occur in Pelham. Only with your help can we fulfil one of our major strategic goals: Maintain our small-town feel as we grow.

You may contact Mayor Dave Augustyn at mayordave@ pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammayordave. blogspot.com. Please review the east Fonthill draft master plan and other documents at www.pelham.ca/east-fonthill.

Less than meets the eye

For Pelham News

ne morning as I was chauffeuring Her Royal Highness Sulojana, the queen of our casa to work, I turned left on to St. Catharines' Nlagaras It, from Cathon as we do most mornings. That's when my heart skipped a beat. We were already running late. Now a

traffic slowdown. Correction. A total stop. Period. No movement.

Of course, the brain immediately went to work and started replaying video clips from similar stoppages in the past—the accident that resulted in freeway traffic being diverted onto this same Niagara St., malfunctioning traffic lights that instantly transformed the next intersection into a four-way stop—to name a couple.

The SUV in front of us made it impossible to see how many vehicles were ahead of our now seemingly low-tothe-ground sedan. If traffic was backed up all the way to the lights, that could be as many as 15. At the conservative rate of 22.4 seconds delay per vehicle waiting for others at the newly-created four-way stop, that could add a whopping 5.5 minutes to our trip. At this rate, she will be 12.7 minutes late — perish the thought.

Even if it were only increased traffic from the freeway, we could still be waiting for two light changes or 3.6 minutes. That still translates to an 11-minutes-late entrance. Egad!

And then the unthinkable happened. We started moving. Nigh the speed limit. We hadn't even prayed for a miracle and the stoppage was gone, just like that. Wow!

Turns out that one of the cars ahead of us wanted to turn left onto a side street. There was a steady stream of vehicles coming the opposite way. All must have been in an awful hurry, because no one wanted to slow down and let this poor soul make her turn, until, finally,

someone with a good heart and an extra 11.3 seconds to spare stopped. Problem solved. Now we would only be 8.6 minutes late. Praise God. Have you ever been tempted to

exaggerate the size of the problems you face and make mountains out of molehills?

A faint pain in the chest triggers fears of a heart attack. A delay in receiving a cheque induces anxiety about impending bankruptcy. One complaint that someone filed against you makes you wonder whether you'll lose your job. Get the picture?

Satan is a master at making our problems appear much bigger than they really are. Over the years I have heard many Christians say that the enemy is a llon who is waiting to devour us.

Yet, here is the actual quote: "Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." (I Peter 5:8) Like a roaring lion. Not a real lion. He is a mouth that roars like a lion. His roar is worse than his gore. He wants you to respond with fear and anxiety, even when there is no need for it.

Jesus was never intimidated by a demon-possessed person. Whether they were foaming at the mouth, cutting themselves with stones, gnashing their teeth or convulsing, his response was always the same: "Come out!" Exit demon. Every time. Not exactly leonine behaviour.

When their boat was rocked by a raging storm and the disciples turned into screaming scaredy-cats, Jesus does not give in to their fear. He commands: "Peace, be still." And the monstrous wave mornhs into a purring pussycat.

Dear friend, beware of the enemy's fear-inducing, anxiety-arousing tactics. Call his bluff. And you, too, will discover as Sulojana and I have often, that there is less than meets the eye.

COMMENT

Afghanistan mission: Saluting the bravery of our soldiers

t's understandable that much discussion and debate will continue about Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The 12-year campaign, which officially wrapped up last week, was Canada's largest military deployment since the Second

World War. Was it a success? Did we accomplish our goals? Will our development projects like building schools, health clinics and an irrigation system be sustained? Is Afghanistan on the path to stability? Was it worth it?

So many questions and, depending upon who is offering their views, a wide range of answers

But as the last of Canada's troops arrived in Ottawa on Tuesday, one area we can all agree upon is saluting the bravery of our troops and recognizing the sacrifice of their families

soldiers who died during the mission and honour the thousands more who returned from the war-torn country, many with physical wounds and mental scars.

Four men with Niagara connections paid the ultimate

- Cpl. Robert Mitchell, a member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons and a former Niagara Falls resident, was killed Oct. 3, 2006 in an attack lust west of Kandahar City as he provided security for a construction project. He was 32.

- Royal Canadian Regiment Cpl, Albert Storm, of Fort Erie. was killed Nov. 27, 2006 by a suicide bomber attack near Kandahar, He was 36.

- Warrant Officer Dennis Brown, a reservist with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment in St. Catharines, was killed March 3, 2009 when the

travelling in was struck by a roadside bomb northwest of Kandahar He was 38

Royal Canadian Regiment Cpl. Tyler Crooks, of Port Colborne, died in an explosion

March 20, 2009 during a morning foot patrol. He was 24. They left behind devastated

family and friends, and a mourning nation. They are heroes and deserve our recognition.

While questions remain about the future of Afghanistan. uncertainty also surrounds the many Canadian soldiers who have returned home.

The government's ability to help military personnel with combat-related mental illness has come under scrutiny during the course of the Afghanistan mission. A continuing issue has been a shortage of mentalhealth professionals to provide support to soldiers.

office says Ottawa has made improvements and investments into the services it offers, it is still falling

that many veterans, especially those who were permanently disabled in

As well. Veterans Ombudsman Guv Parent issued a report last year showing combat, are not receiving adequate

We ask a lot of our soldiers when we send them into dangerous places like Afghanistan.

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ARTIST PROFILE: Pett exposes secret world



Edie Pett will be displaying her artwork for the first time at the Pelham Art Festival this year. Pett uses encaustics, which is an ancient method of painting with melted

beeswax. The Petham artits uses mainly bark as her canvass.

Finding inspiration from nature

MELISSA MANGELSEN Pelham New Staff

Pelham New Staff

Nature is all around. It has the ability to heal, comfort and inspire. Pelham artist Edie Pett's artwork is driven by the power of nature.

"My earliest experience was one of being filled with wonder in nature and with all my passion I wanted to express this wonderful secret world," Pett said.

She uses an ancient method of painting with melted beeswax, plant resins and pigments called encaustics. "From the first moment I worked with beeswax I fell in love with this medium,"

she said. "It completely swept me away. It's such an amazing medium to work with and it smells amazing."

It takes 12 million to 20 million flower visits for the honeybees to make one

visits for the honeybees to make one pound of wax. "The elements combine in the beeswax and I work with the elements to create a

one-of-a-kind piece that reunites us with our ancient and eternal relationship with nature," she said.

Her canvas is bark that she gathers from various hiking trips around the world and she includes crystals and gem

stones to add to her work's uniqueness.
For the past 30 years, Pett has worked
in the realm of natural healing. She uses
a variety of approaches including iridology, German new medicine education,
aromatherapy, nutritional, herbal and

homeopathic protocols as well as detoxification and promotes healthy lifestyle choices.

She is a certified aromatherapist, chi-

ropractor and naturopath doctor.
"I'm able to take the things I've learned
as a naturopath doctor and implement
them into my artwork. All art has heal-

ing ability, but using the crystals adds the energy to the piece, said Pett. She has attended most of the Pelham Art Festivals in the past, but this is her first time having work on display. "I've been to a lot of the past festivals

to support local arts," she said.

Pett has about 12 pieces of art displayed in her home that were purchased at the festival.

"I love to support local artists. They need all the help they can get, especially if they're trying to make a living from it." She hasn't displayed her art in many

places in the past and doesn't plan to do a lot of festivals, but the Pelham Art Festival was the one that she wanted to participate in.

I just started painting again a couple

of years ago, so it's kind of new to me. I'm excited to have my art shown at the festival. It should be interesting to hear the feedback and I'm expecting a lot of questions about my art because not a lot of people use encaustics," she said.

Pett enjoys the feedback she receives from people who have purchased her work. "It's a precious feeling to know that

people have your work on display in their homes that they can look at and enjoy all the time."

She is looking forward to the art fes-

tival experience of meeting new artists, learning from them and finding inspiration in other art. "I think this festival is incredible. It's run by a dedicated bunch of volunteers

and we're really fortunate to have this festival, as well as so many talented artists in the area," she said. The Pelham Art Festival — as always —

will run Mother's Day weekend, May 9, 10 and 11, at Pelham Arena on Haist St. For more information visit www.pelhamartfestival.com.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

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BUSINESS: Company purchases Cataract Rd. greenhouse

Rosa Flora snaps back after fire

After a devastating fire tore through its greenhouses, Rosa Flora Ltd. is ready to blossom

In an effort to recoup its production destroyed in the multimillion-dollar blaze on March 6, the Dunnville company recently finalized a deal to purchase Peter Bulk Greenhouses, an 8.361-square-metre snapdragon operation on Cataract Rd. on the outskirts of Welland.

Rosa Flora's snapdragons were significantly impacted by the fire and the new acquisition will only return the company to 20% of its original production, said coowner Josh Bulk.

But plans, he said, are underway to rebuild the Dunnville faciltion back to 70%, equalling close to three hectares, by the end of

Cleanup is underway at the site of the fire and infrastructure that was spared is now being used to get snapdragons growing again

The acquisition, for which an amount has not been disclosed. will allow Rosa Flora to begin shipping out the colourful flowers as soon as Monday. Bulk said The Welland operation is also growing viburnum, peonies and lex in smaller quantities.

Rosa Flora has worked in partpership with Peter Bulk in the

Peter, who is intending to retire, is the cousin of Rose Flora founder Otto Bulk, Josh Bulk

The four employees who work at the Cataract Rd. greenhouse will be retained under the new

Bulk said Rosa Flora, the largest gerbera grower in North America. would love to get back to its prefire size, but only time will tell how quickly that will happen.

The cause of the fire, which is under investigation by the Office of the Fire Marshal, is still undetermined, Bulk said

"We would love to know exactly what do to do prevent it from hap-pening again," he said. In rebuilding the new facil-

ity, "we'll definitely be making some changes," he said, although details have not yet been final-

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Rosa Flora co-owner Josh Bulk stands among rows of snapdragons. The Dunnville company, recovering from a multimillion-dollar fire, recently acquired Peter Bulk Greenhouses on the outskirts of Welland to assist with its lost snapdragon production

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Adoption requests flood in for puppies

InPort News Staff

These dogs certainly had their day - or two. The 10 rescued pups at

Welland and District Humane Society drew international attention while starring in The Tribune's live stream last Thursday and Friday.

More than 20,000 people - some tuning in from as far away as Norway, Australia, India and Mexico - racked up 4,200 viewer hours watching the six-week-old furballs

go about their day. "I think productivity may have gone down at a few businesses the last few days,"

humane society executive director John Greer said with a laugh. As news spread about the lab and border collie crosses.

who were rescued right after birth alongside their mother, interest continued to grow in finding them suitable homes. Though adoption applications won't be accepted until

next week, the shelter was flooded with calls and e-mails the past two days from people hoping to expand their furry families. "The amount of e-mails

we've received has quadrupled," Greer said, and the More than 20,000 international viewers tuned in







Thousands of people were glued to their computer screens Thursday and Friday watching The Tribune's Puppy Cam Niagara. For two days, the actions of 10 puppies were live streamed from Welland and District Humane Society.





she's expected to be fostered until her treatment is commaryanne.firth@sunmedia.ca Twitter: @mfirthTribune.ca

People have been calling from all over, from as far as

Visitors also stopped by

Woodstock, Guelph, to adopt."

the shelter hoping to catch a

glimpse of the tiny web stars

fully bringing sweet treats for

staff with hopes rules could

be swayed and early adoption

Information was gathered

"We'll find what we consider

"It's first come, first served.

Greer encouraged those

"We have plenty of other

Not only did hundreds of

who aren't selected for a pup

to instead look at the shelter's

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Garden tips offered

With spring weather on its way, Karin cussed; and on May 8, Vermeer will dis-Vermeer will share some of her tips about gardening.

Working with Pelham's Communities in Bloom committee, the gardening guru is presenting a spring gardening series to help people make the most of their back-

This Thursday Vermeer will advise people about when to prepare their gardens in the spring; on April 10, she will discuss the starting seeds and plant propagation; April 24, unusual gardening will be disAll sessions start at 7 p.m., and cost \$5 each, or \$15 for all four. The first three sessions will take place at Ver-meer Garden Centre and Flower Shop at 684 South Pelham Rd., Welland, but the final session on May 8 will be held

cuss container gardening.

at Cafe on Main, 1455 Pelham St., Pel-To register in advance, call the Town of Pelham at 905-892-2607 ext. 329; or send







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Wrestling whirlwind

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Keagin Collie is only 16 years old, but the gold medal she won at the Ontario high school wrestling championships can be considered a lifetime achieve-

ment award. The Grade 11 student at E.L. Crossley Secondary School and twin brother Koldin have a hard time remembering when grappling didn't have a hold on them. Their father, Dave, is the longtime wrestling coach at Beamsville District Secondary School and their extending wrestling family includes one of his former students, three-time Olympic medallist Tonya Verbeek.

Collie, who also excels at soccer and has accepted an athletic scholarship to play soccer at University of Dayton, said while some people were "shocked" to find out she wrestling, the sport has been a way of life, "practically my whole life."

"I've always been around wrestling." She said being the daughter of an accomplished coach and being able to train with Verbeek and other wrestlers at Brock University contributed immeasurably to her 5-0 record at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championships earlier this month in Brampton.

"I had a female figure in front of me. Training at Brock really helped me," said Collie, whose father is an assistant wrestling coach at Brock.

Though she also advanced to OFSAA in her first year in high school, Collie is very much the student whenever she has trained with Verbeek.

"No way have I beat her, she's way better than me," Collie said, laughing at the idea of besting someone who has won two silver and two bronze medals for Canada at three Olympics.

Collie almost had to settle for silver at the provincials when her opponent in the final. Theresa El-Lati of ecole secondaire publique Louis Riel in Ottawa, nullified Collie's greatest strength by taking away the headlock.

"She must have studied me, because she took away my moves," said Collie. who was trailing by two points with 10 seconds remaining in the gold medal

She abandoned a cautious fight plan at the end by taking a risk and opening up and scoring a double. The Crossley student grabbed El-Lati's legs and took her out of bounds to score four points - and

"It was almost like a football tackle" The OFSAA gold was bittersweet to Collie. Tempering her elation over her first-place finish was the disappointment that her twin brother was unable to medal

At Brampton, Koldin Collie, underweight and still feeling under the weather. was eliminated in the 89-kg division by the eventual gold medallist, a wrestler he had already between three times since the beginning of the season. "It really sucked that he couldn't do

Being able to wrestler has helped Collie on the soccer pitch, while playing soc-

cer has helped her on the mat. "Wrestling gives you a lot of body awareness, and soccer's speed contributes to wrestling. I like both equally." A travel player in the Burlington Bayfocused on soccer taking her to the next level since NCAA scholarships aren't offered to female

wrestlere She ranks "game awareness" from the centre position as her greatest strength as a soccer player. "I can see the field really well,"

said Collie, who intends to major in health sciences at the Ohio uni-Thanks to her experience as a

wrestler, she can also be "really physical" when pushing for a oose ball comes to shove. However, high school wres-

tling's golden girl doesn't anticipate getting too many red cards playing soccer in university.

"It's not like I'm going to double people on the soccer field," she said with a laugh.

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E. Crossley Secondary School student Keagin Collie went 5-0 in the women's 64-kilogram division to win the gold medal at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations wrestling championships in Brampton. She is shown displaying the medal Friday, March 21, 2014, at the high school in Fonthill, Ont.

■ INDOOR ROWING: 100-km ERG Challenge benefits Women's Place of South Niagara

Crossley crew sets world record for charity

Pelham News Staff

Ten lightweight female rowers at E.L. Crossley Secondary School didn't need any water to make a big splash for charity, and put their names in the record book.

The only water anywhere near an indoor rowing machine set up in the high school's cafeteria was in the liquids they downed to stay hydrated as each took her turn competing in the 100-kilometre ERG Challenge.

Their ambitious goal was to finish rowing 100 km in under 7 1/2

associated with the Concept 2 ergometer. They did that with time to spare, their time of 6:54.12 shattering the previous mark of

The Cyclone were all a little winded after the pain of all that straining, though not enough to prevent them from "cheering and jumping for joy" when the record

was set. "All that adrenaline just kicked in. We were so happy that we did it." Grade 11 student Emily Mitch-

ell said between breaths. But bragging rights was just one aspect of Friday's fun fundraiser at the Fonthill high school. In addition to raising upwards of \$1,000 in donations for Women's Place of South Niagara, the Cyclone crew used the extra exercise as an exercise in team build-

"Rowing on the water is more social, so this makes ergging more social," said Lizzie Fuller, a Grade

11 student Striving to set the record also was a confidence booster. Grade

12B student Carly Zanatta, who is in her final year of rowing at Crossley and will be attending a

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U.S. university on a rowing scholarship, said some of her teammates sometimes doubt themselves and don't really appreciate what they're capable of accomplish-

ing.
"I just wanted to do something to empower them. I hope this experience helps them realize the great potential

Zanatta, who started off the relay by rowing 20 km, was on the machine when the challenge was met and the record broken. She would still be rowing on the

ergonometer if it were up to her. "Most people dread the erg, but I love the erg. 1 gives me a sense of accomplishment because I'm good at it. I like doing

what I can do well," said Zanatta, who like her Crossley challenge crewmates rows for South Niagara Rowing Club during the club season

Crossley's lightweight women expect to know by Monday how much they will have raised in support of an organization dedicated to providing a safe haven for situations. Classmates visited the rowers throughout the day to cheer on their progress and staff and students wore pink Shirts to promote the event

Jessika Rimar said John Ruscitti. Crossley's head rowing coach, and Darcy Usborne, the coach in charge of the women's team, were all for the initiative.

"Everybody has been very supportive," the Grade 11 student said. Fuller said rowing shows that women

don't necessarily have to be big in order to be strong. "We're into ergs, so we're physically strong. Even though we're small, we can

still be strong," she said. Sarah Fuller, Grade 10: Naseen Maizoubi, Grade 12; Dayna McNeill, Grade 10: Kiera Partridge, Grade 10: Tia Rotundo. Grade 11; and Edith Turpel, Grade 10; also rowed in Friday's record-

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E.L. Crossley Secondary School rowing team crewmates monitor Carly Zanatta's progress on an indoor rowing machine during the 100-kilometre Erg Challenge Friday, March 21, 2014, at the high school in Fonthill, Ont.

■ NIAGARA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: \$20,800 awarded to various groups

Glynn A. Green, Welland Cordage neighbourhood benefiting from environmental grants

AELISSA MANGELSEN Pelham News Staff

Glynn E. Green Public School in Pelham has received a \$6,500 grant to create an outdoor classroom and to participate in a school grounds greening project involving learning gardens and native trees and plants.

Once completed, the community will be able to use the outdoor classroom for recreation, education and as a meeting

space.

The grant is part of a \$20,850 boost to environmental groups across Niagara

from Niagara Community Foundation.

"Niagara is blessed with a remarkable
natural environment," said John Fisher of
Walker Industries. "We can build upon
that which already exists through funding education and learning, and by funding projects where we can support and
encourage Mother Nature in doing what
she does best."

Walker Industries is the champion of the foundation's Smart and Caring Environmental Legacy Fund for Niagara.

Niagara College students received a \$3,850 grant to work in the Cordage, Ontario Rd. and Dain City neighbourhoods in Welland to raise environmenal awareness and technical skills of residents in tree planting. They will collaborate on tree planting in southeast Welland for Arbour Day

Other grant recipients were Friends of Malcolmson Eco-Park in St. Catharines which received \$3,000 for an entrance upgrade, Heartland Forest Nature Experience in Niagara Falls which received \$6,000 for new interactive deducational stations, and the Walker Creek Neighbourhood Association in St. Catharines which received \$1,500 to update and enhance a tiparlan buffer planted in

Since its creation in 2000, Niagara Community Foundation has raised more than \$23 million in endowment funds for which the capital is invested. It has granted in excess of \$5.7 million to charities working in the arts, heritage, environment, social services, health, education, recreation and community development.



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MUSIC FEST: Event expands to two days, adds shows at Montebello Park



The Sheepdogs are among several headliners who play Montebello Park for this year's SCENE Music Festival.

SCENE Fest goes big time

JOHN LAW OMI Agency Niagara

St. Catharines' SCENE Music Festival is going through a growth spurt for its 19th

One of southern Ontario's most renowned and respected music events is expanding into a two-day festival June 28 and 29, with several headline acts to play Montebello Park.

"it's the evolved version of SCENE," says festival co-ordinator Pat Murphy. Montebello Park will replace Market Square as the main stage area, increasing capacity from 5,009 people to about 10,000. With the bigger space comes bigger performers — Marianas Trench, Matthew Good, The Sheepdogs, Monster Truck, The Arkells and Lights.

Murphy says he bas discussed expanding the festival for the past few years with SCENE co-producers Jennifer Anderson and Steve Stumble. Last year's headliners Tokyo Police Club packed Market Square, and after Murphy watched local favourites City and Colour play to 20,000 people at Butler's Barracks in Niagara-on-the-

Lake last summer, he knew it was time to expand. "It was a bit of a catalyst," he says. "To

see that many people in Niagara for live music, it was very cool."

But Murphy is aware the change could

But Murphy is aware the change c rankle longtime SCENE fans.

The festival began in 1996 as the St. Catharines Event for New Music Entertalment. About 800 people saw a handful of bands in three downtown venues it would soon expand into noe of Canada's biggest one-day music fests. In recent years, it has averaged about 140 bands, ten venues and 6,000 people converging on downtown St. Catharinov St. Cat

SCENE played a crucial role in helping bands like Billy Talent, Alexisonfire and Bedouin Soundclash get discovered.

Artists interested in performing for this year's SCENE can apply via Sonicbida (www.sonicbida.com) by May 2. Tickets go on sale March 29, ranging from \$39.50 for a single day pass to \$119.50 for a VIP two-day pass, www.ticketfly.com

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EDUCATION: Prom Project helps disadvantaged

OMI AGENCY NIAGARA Jaclyn Tanguay left, interim event co-ordinator, Mary McCormick, mother and Dara Goulet. interim executive director of the Education Foundation of





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thing like that," she said, "I'd previously (shopped) for dresses and all were over \$100," she said, adding that's a price range she couldn't afford

Beth's mother Mary McCormick was wowed by the Education Foundation of Niagara program, now expanding its reach across the region for students. "We were over the moon with their

offerings, the real kindness, the care," said Beth's mother Mary McCormick. There was no judgment, or any feeling this is a poverty thing." Meanwhile, the foundation is readying

for its annual Prom Project Niagara event on May 10, where the formal items will he distributed at five locations, with no registration needed. While the foundation is a non-profit

that works with the District School Board of Niagara, the prom initiative is open to all graduating students in the region. Since 2009, items were distributed at

Thorold Secondary School, with a small site added in Beamsville last year. The May 10 event from 9:30 a.m. to

1,30 p.m. is presented by PenFinancial Credit Union. This year, it will include high school sites at Thorold, Beamsville District, Centennial in Welland, Fort Erie and Niagara Falls' A.N. Myer. "We want everyone to come who is in

need," said Dara Goulet, the foundation executive director. "Last year, we had ahout 200 kids on the one Prom Project Goulet said the latest expansion seeks

to help those who might otherwise find it a challenge to make it to Thorold, to pick up the grad clothing and accessories. The program also seeks gently-used and new items, "We're not asking for money, go through your closets for

things you see you don't want to wear anymore," Goulet said. "We take jewelry, shoes and ties, and have a huge need for guys' formal cloth-ing ... and updated ties," she said.

"And we happily accept new donations from stores as well."

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Legion of support for Pelham camp

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APRIL 2

NSNAP Niagara Spay Neuter Assistance Program is holding a spring Easyer sale and fundraiser.

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MÉTIS IN NIAGARA

Welland Historical Museum offers a presentation at Welland Public Library on Métis in Niagara. The museum offers a permanent exhibit on the topic as well. This program is free and starts at 7 p.m. Register in advance.

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PROSTATE CANCER awareness forum addresses the

complications of treatment. Starts 7 p.m. at St. Catharines hospital. with guest speaker Dr. T. Davies of McMaster. Free, including parking at Lot A. For information call 905-378-4647 Ext. 32083.

APRIL 11

TRIVIA NIGHT

to raise funds for the Wainfleet cenotaph project. The event will be at the Hwy. 20 legion hall in Fonthill. Teams of eight per table; cost is \$20 a person. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., game begins at 7:30 p.m., To register, call 905-714-9308 or 905-386-6978.

APRIL 13

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open house hosted by Greater Niagara Railroad Engineers at their 1141 Maple St. clubhouse in Fenwick, noon to 4:30 p.m. Donations appreciated.

BECAUSE YOU CARE

spring fashion show and luncheon in support of Walker Family Cancer Centre in St. Catharines will be held at Riverstone Event Centre in Welland, featuring fashions and accessories showcased by 270° West, Casual Ladies Wear and Monica's of Welland, fine quality intimate apparel and mastectomy fitting, Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the day will also include lunch. entertainment by the Mantini Sisters. raffle prizes, door prizes and a special gift for all attendees. Tickets are \$40, available at Monica's of Welland, 86 West Main St., or 270* West, 224 West St., Port Colborne.

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APRII 15

AGRICULTURE NIGHT

Fonthill Lions Club will be hosting its 63rd annual Agriculture Night at the Fonthill legion hall. It's a night we salute our farming industry. Guest speaker is Kevin Ker of Pelham. principal consultant of KCMS and a specialist in research and advisory services for grape and tender fruit production. Ker will speak on grape growing in eastern China. Tickets for the roast beef and ham buffet are available at Klager's Meats, 905-892-2616, or from any Fonthill Lion. or e-mail fonthill.lions@sympatico. ca. Tickets are \$10. Dinner is at 7

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for sharing, learning and fun on Fridays from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Drop in, Costs \$2, refreshments available.

(Single Person Association of Niagara) is a social club since 1982 for mature singles who meet and mingle at Iggy's Pub, 115 Hwy. 20. Fonthill, every Tuesday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Members get a monthly calendar of social activities. For further information call Lynie at

905-788-0359 ALZHEIMER SOCIETY

of Niagara Region support groups for care partners meet the first Tuesday of the month, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Welland Community Wellness Complex, and second Wednesday of the month, same time, at Fover Richelieu, For Information, call 905-







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THE REVEALING TRUTH - A QUICK LOOK AT COLON CANCER PREVENTION

It's an uncomfortable topic of discussion for some, but it is a very important one that needs to be addressed. The words colon cancer screening and colonoscopy may not generate the best reaction, however, the intention of this article is to absolve your fears and reinforce the benefits of this screening procedure.

March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month and everyone could use a little update about the topic. Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in Canada for both men and women, but it is surprisingly treatable if detected early; hence the importance of the colorectal screening procedure. Beginning at 50 years of age for those at average risk of developing colorectal cancer, a simple at-home stool test - the Faecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) - should be completed and repeated every two years. However, if you have a first-degree relative with colon cancer, your screening should begin about 10 years younger than the age at which they were diagnosed (For instance, if your close relative was 50 years old when diagnosed, you should begin screening when you turn 40) and it is advised that a colonoscopy be performed. At this point in time, colonoscopy is the gold standard for the detection of any abnormalities of the colon, such as polyos, that may eventually become cancerous if not appropriately treated or removed. It should be noted that most colonoscopies do not result in a diagnosis of cancer. The purpose of these screening procedures is to look for signs that could eventually progress to that and remove them before they pose a problem. It's all about prevention!

Many people have the idea that a colonoscopy is a painful experience. This should not be the case. The patient is most often well-sedated and unaware of the procedure unless. they request to be awake. Likely, the most discomfort the patient will experience is during the day before the procedure, because they are required to consume an all-liquid diet and then take a laxative to clear out the bowel. One day of hunger and slight discomfort is surely worth having the procedure done properly!

There are some simple things that you can do to help reduce the chances of developing colon cancer. Eat a diet that is high in fibre and low in fat, try to avoid eating processed foods, stay active and maintain a healthy body weight. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure about what foods to eat or what a healthy weight is for you

There are some signs and symptoms to be aware of that may indicate there is a problem in the colon. These include blood in the stool or black-coloured stool, long-narrow shaped stools, abdominal cramping, or unexplained weight loss. If you are currently experiencing any of these symptoms or you notice these changes, don't delay talking to your doctor. They will be able to get to the bottom of it!

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Lions to salute farming

Fonthill Lions Club will be hosting its 63rd annual Agriculture Night, April 15, at the Fonthill Legion. It's an evening of paying tribute

and saluting the farming industry in Niagara.

Guest speaker will be Pelham resident Kevin Ker, who is the principal consultant of KCMS. He is an internationally recognized specialist in research and advisory services for grape and tender fruit production and is Canada's most experienced integrated pest management specialist for those crops.

Ker has delivered seminars and research results across Canada, the U.S. and has authored and co-authored fact sheets, grower articles, workbooks and seminars for the government and academic

community.

Ker holds the position of research associate with the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute at Brock University and is a Brock

lecturer in the four-year oenology and viticulture degree program. Tickets for the evening, which includes a roast beef and ham buffet,

Tickets for the evening, which includes a roast beef and ham buffet, are available at Klager's Meats, 905-892-2616, or from any member of the Fonthill Lions Club. Tickets can also be purchased by e-mailing fonthill. Ilons®sympatico.ca. Tickets are \$20, dinner begins at 7 p.m.

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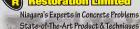
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■ HOCKEY: Goal of fundraiser is turn Olympic pride into action

Benefit tyke tournament helps less-fortunate

BERND FRANKE Pelham News Staff

Jerry Winnicki wants Canadians to turn their Olympic pride into action to help him find the next Sidney Crosby.

That means putting their money where their mouths are since hockey's next superstar may not even be playing the sport. Winnicki said immense talent remains wasted and untapped "in the back 40" because not every family can afford the high cost of registration and equipment.

"In costs more than \$1,000 just to get a kid on the ice, never mind the equipment. After the Olympics, in struck me a lot of kids couldn't afford to play play hockey, and there are some kids in the back 40 would could be superstars if

they had the chance," he said Winnicki wants to give them that chance, that same chance his sons Andrew, Matthew and Rob had when they graduated through the ranks of the Pelham Minor Hockey Associa-

He is organizing a 12-team tyke tournament Saturday at Pelham Arena, with all proceeds from The Diesel Clas-

sic going to help children who wouldn't otherwise afford organized hockey. Winnicki stressed all money raised will go to individuals, not to minor hockey associations. He said will work

with organizations such as Big Brothers and Canadian Tire's Jump Start program to identify families that would benefit from the fund

"This should be done all over Can-

The seed for a tournament honouring the memory of his son Andrew (Diesel) Winnicki was planted last month when Winnicki was among the millions glued to the TV watching Canada win gold in men's and women's hockey at the Winter Olympics in

Sochi, Russia "Back then everybody was cheering for Canada. Now it's time to put your money where your mouth is an find the next Sidney Crosby," said Winnicki. whose son was 22 and living in Ottawa when he was killed in a duck hunting



accident in September 2012. Admission is free to the one-day tournament, with Winnicki hoping to raise enough from the sale of raffle tickets to get at least two children enrolled in minor hockey. Prizes include autographed jerseys from the Edmonton Oilers and Ottawa Senators along with

memorabilia from other NHL teams. He chose to put four- to six-year-olds in the spotlight at the inaugural tournament because that age group is the

entry level for organized hockey "They can hardly skate at that age, and for a lot of them this will be their first competition," said Winnicki, a sales manager at Clark Agri Service in Wellandport.

Ten local teams and one each from Amherst, N.Y., and Oakville are guaranteed two games and there will be "no winners or losers'

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